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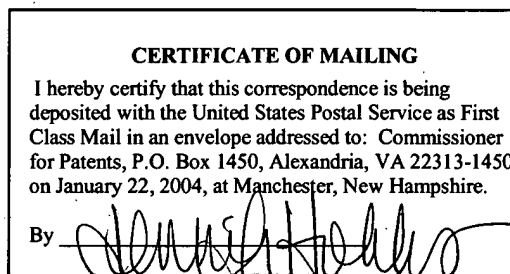
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of: BLAKE, Geoffrey Atty. Docket: IBC00.03  
Title: CONNECTOR FOR FLEXIBLE ELECTRICAL CONDUIT  
Serial No.: 09/804,159 Art Unit: 2831  
Filed: March 12, 2001 Examiner: Estrada, Angel R.

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT A**

This in response the first Official Action in this case mailed October 22, 2003. This response is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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